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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March 1990 was 3.4 percent, declining 0.2 from the February 1990 rate of 3.6. In March 1989 the state's unemployment rate was 3.2. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2 in March 1990 . The national rate was 5.0 in March 1989.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina in March was estimated at 3,399,000, a monthly increase of 4,000 from the February estimate of 3,395,000. From March 1989, the civilian labor force saw an increase of 24,000 people.

Employment, seasonally adjusted for March, increased to 3,283,000 from 3,274,000 in February for an increase of 9,000 workers. The number employed in March 1990 was 15,000 more than in March 1989, for an increase of 0.5 percent. The number of persons unemployed declined by 5,000 in March (116,000) from (121,000) February. From a year ago (107,000), the unemployed estimate was up 9,000.

In March, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment declined to 3,107,100, a loss of 12,500 workers from the prior month's estimate of 3,119,600. An over-the-month loss of 7,800 occurred in goods producing and a loss of 4,700 in service producing.This goods producing loss occurred primarily in the construction (-4,600) and textiles (-1,000) industries. Employment losses in service producing were most significant in the trade industry (-5,800).

From March 1989-March 1990 a total of 62,300 employees were added to industry payrolls. Manufacturing employment declined by 9,100, to a level of 860,800 as employment in service producing was increasing by 68,100 to a level of 2,077,700. The manufacturing losses in furniture and textiles were most significant. In service producing, strong gains occurred in trade (+25,000); service & miscelleanous (+29,800); and government (+7,600) .

There were 10,632 persons placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in 1990. Of these 4,278 were placed in manufacturing industries. 2,831 persons founds jobs in the services industry, while 1,797 individuals were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 2,048 individuals were employed in packaging and material handling; 1,397 in bench work; 1,880 in services, except domestic; and 1,214 in machine trades.

Production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries earned $8.67 an hour in March. The average hours worked were 39.6, and average weekly earnings amounted to $343.33. There was an increase of $ .31 an hour in average hourly earnings from March 1990 . Workers in cigarette manufacturing were the highest hourly wage earners at $19.48. In service producing, the average hourly earnings were highest among workers in communications, & electric, gas & sanitary services at $12.97.

The number of production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries declined by 3,500, from 668,600 in February to 665,100 in March. This decline was spread across the entire sector. The largest over-the-month loser was in tobacco (-1,300) From March of last year, manufacturing lost 11,700 production workers. This loss occurred throughout the manufacturing sector with the most significant loss in the cigarette industry (-1,700).

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

March 1990

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: October 1989 through March 1990					
	Mar. 1989	Oct. 1989	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,920	5,027	5,032	5,038	4,971	4,975	4,980
Civilian Labor Force	3,375	3,432	3,412	3,440	3,361	3,395	3,399
Participation Rate[1]	68.6	68.2	67.8	68.3	67.6	68.2	68.3
Employed	3,268	3,321	3,318	3,332	3,327	3,274	3,283
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	66.4	66.1	65.9	66.1	65.1	65.8	65.9
Unemployed	107	111	94	108	124	121	116
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.4
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: January 1990 through March 1990		
	Mar. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,920	4,971	4,975	4,980
Civilian Labor Force	3,341	3,332	3,371	3,365
Participation Rate[1]	67.9	67.0	67.8	67.6
Employed	3,229	3,179	3,239	3,245
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	65.6	64.0	65.1	65.2
Unemployed	112	153	132	121
Unemployment Rate	3.4	4.6	3.9	3.6
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.6	2.6	1.9	INA

[1]The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.
[2]The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.
[3]The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

March 1990

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: October 1989 through March 1990					
	Mar. 1989	Oct. 1989	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	185,897	186,861	187,017	187,165	187,293	187,412	187,529
Civilian Labor Force	123,245	124,105	124,515	124,546	124,397	124,630	124,829
Participation Rate[1]	66.3	66.4	66.6	66.5	66.4	66.5	66.6
Employed	117,047	117,545	117,786	117,888	117,863	118,035	118,334
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	63.0	62.9	63.0	63.0	62.9	63.0	63.1
Unemployed	6,198	6,561	6,729	6,658	6,535	6,595	6,495
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	INA

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: January 1990 through March 1990		
	Mar. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	185,897	187,293	187,412	187,529
Civilian Labor Force	122,223	123,293	123,442	123,789
Participation Rate[1]	65.7	65.8	65.9	66.0
Employed	115,844	116,037	116,308	117,093
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	62.3	62.0	62.1	62.4
Unemployed	6,378	7,256	7,134	6,697
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.9	5.8	5.4
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.5	2.6	2.8	INA

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1989 -March 1990

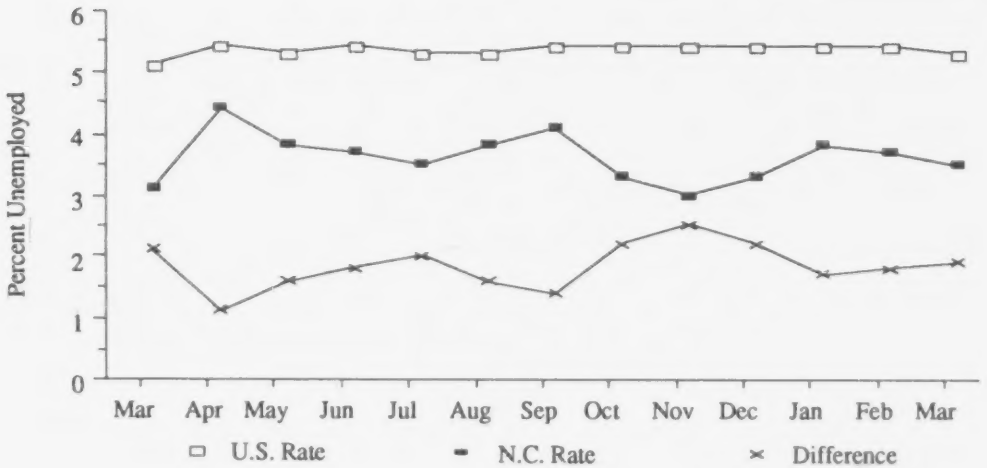

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

March 1989-March 1990

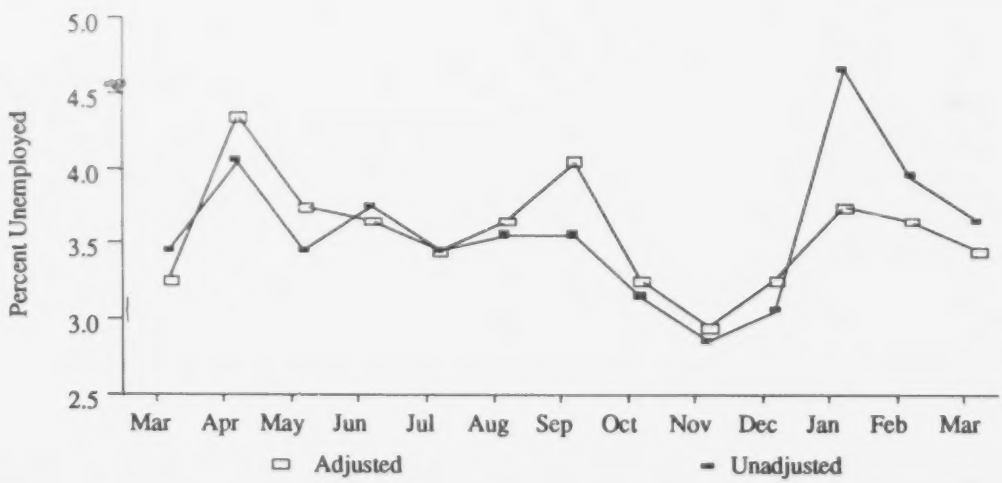

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

March 1990[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				Jan. 1990		Feb. 1989	
	Feb. 1990	Jan.[2] 1990	Feb. 1989	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force [3]	3,371.4	3,331.8	3,340.1	+ 39.6	+ 1.2	+ 31.3	+ 0.9
Employment, Total	3,239.2	3,179.3	3,214.3	+ 59.9	+ 1.9	+ 24.8	+ 0.8
Unemployment, Total	132.2	152.5	125.7	- 20.3	- 13.3	+ 6.5	+ 5.2
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.9	4.6	3.8	- 0.7	xxx	+ 0.1	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,395.0	3,361.0	3,362.0	+ 34.0	+ 1.0	+ 33.0	+ 1.0
Employment, Total	3,374.0	3,237.0	3,248.0	+ 37.0	+ 1.1	+ 26.0	+ 0.8
Unemployment, Total	121.0	124.0	114.0	- 3.0	- 2.4	+ 7.0	+ 6.1
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.6	3.7	3.4	- 0.1	xxx	+ 0.2	xxx
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,107.1	3,119.6	3,044.8	- 12.5	- 0.4	+ 62.3	+ 2.0
Goods Producing	1,029.4	1,037.2	1,035.2	- 7.8	- 0.8	- 5.8	- 0.6
Mining	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1	- 2.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	163.7	168.3	160.4	- 4.6	- 2.7	+ 3.3	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	860.8	863.9	869.9	- 3.1	- 0.4	- 9.1	- 1.0
Durable Goods	355.7	355.9	357.8	- 0.2	- 0.1	- 2.1	- 0.6
Lumber & Wood Products	37.6	36.3	36.5	+ 1.3	+ 3.6	+ 1.1	+ 3.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.9	12.0	12.8	+ 0.9	+ 7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.8	9.3	9.5	+ 0.5	+ 5.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Furniture & Fixtures	86.1	87.1	88.2	- 1.0	- 1.1	- 2.1	- 2.4
Household Furniture	76.1	77.2	78.3	- 1.1	- 1.4	- 2.2	- 2.8
Wood Household Furniture	37.2	39.6	38.4	- 2.4	- 6.1	- 1.2	- 3.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.0	32.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	- 1.3	- 3.9

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[2]Revised.
[3]Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.
[4]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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[6]This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.
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*Less than .05 percent
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Industry employment compiled by the LMI Division in cooperation with USDOL, BLS.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

March 1990[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Mar. 1990	Feb.[2] 1990	Mar. 1989	Change From: Feb. 1990 Net	Feb. 1990 Percent	Mar. 1989 Net	Mar. 1989 Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.0	21.0	21.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.4	- 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.6	2.7	- 0.1	- 3.8	- 0.2	- 7.4
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	5.9	6.0	6.0	- 0.1	- 1.7	- 0.1	- 1.6
Primary Metal Products	12.1	12.2	11.8	- 0.1	- 0.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Fabricated Metal Products	30.6	30.7	30.5	- 0.1	- 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	9.0	9.1	9.1	- 0.1	- 1.1	- 0.1	- 1.1
Industrial Machinery	65.2	65.3	63.2	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 2.0	+ 3.2
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.7	7.9	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 2.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	55.7	55.7	57.6	0.0	0.0	- 1.9	- 3.3
Household Appliances	5.3	4.9	5.4	+ 0.4	+ 8.2	- 0.1	- 1.9
Transportation Equipment	26.7	26.9	27.6	- 0.2	- 0.7	- 0.9	- 3.3
Other Durable Goods[4]	20.7	20.7	21.0	0.0	0.0	- 0.3	- 1.4
Nondurable Goods	505.1	508.0	512.1	- 2.9	- 0.6	- 7.0	- 1.4
Food & Kindred Products	51.0	50.9	50.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Meat Products	23.8	23.9	23.0	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Meat Packing Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.7	+ 0.2	+ 7.7
Dairy Products	2.6	2.5	2.7	- 0.1	- 4.0	- 0.1	- 3.7
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.5	8.6	8.3	- 0.1	- 1.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Beverages	5.8	5.8	6.0	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 3.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	20.4	21.1	22.8	- 0.7	- 3.3	- 2.4	- 10.5
Cigarettes	14.9	15.2	17.7	- 0.3	- 2.0	- 2.8	- 15.8
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.4	5.6	4.7	- 0.2	- 3.6	+ 0.7	- 14.9
Textile Mill Products	216.4	217.4	220.0	- 1.0	- 0.5	- 3.6	- 1.6
Broadwoven Fabrics: Cotton, Manmade & Wool	51.6	51.2	52.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	- 1.2	- 2.3
Broadwoven Fabrics: Cotton	24.0	24.1	24.2	- 0.1	- 0.4	- 0.2	- 0.8
Broadwoven Fabrics, Manmade	25.5	25.0	26.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.0	- 0.9	- 3.4

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Classification	Total Employment Mar. 1990	Feb.[2] 1990	Mar. 1989	Change From: Feb. 1990 Net	Feb. 1990 Percent	Mar. 1989 Net	Mar. 1989 Percent
Knitting Mills	84.6	85.1	83.6	- 0.5	- 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	23.3	23.4	22.7	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Hosiery, NEC	24.0	24.0	23.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	16.7	16.8	16.5	- 0.1	- 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.3	6.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	16.6	16.7	17.0	- 0.1	- 0.6	- 0.4	- 2.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.4	49.0	51.7	- 0.6	- 1.2	- 3.3	- 6.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	80.7	81.8	83.0	- 1.1	- 1.3	- 2.3	- 2.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	28.1	28.3	28.5	- 0.2	- 0.7	- 0.4	- 1.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	32.0	32.3	34.1	- 0.3	- 0.9	- 2.1	- 6.2
Paper & Allied Products	22.7	22.8	23.0	- 0.1	- 0.4	- 0.3	- 1.3
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.5	9.5	9.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.3	- 3.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	9.0	9.2	9.1	- 0.2	- 2.2	- 0.1	- 1.1
Printing & Publishing	30.6	30.5	30.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Newspapers	10.8	10.8	10.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	45.0	45.1	43.4	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 1.6	+ 3.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	15.1	15.1	14.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Rubber & Misccellaneous Plastic Products	34.0	34.1	35.1	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 1.1	- 3.1
Other Nondurable Goods[5]	4.3	4.3	4.5	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 4.4
Service Producing	2,077.7	2,082.4	2,009.6	- 4.7	- 0.2	+ 68.1	+ 3.4
Transportation	155.4	155.2	151.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.8	+ 2.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.8	56.8	57.2	0.0	0.0	- 0.4	- 0.7

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(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Mar. 1990	Feb.[2] 1990	Mar. 1989	Change From: Feb. 1990 Net	Feb. 1990 Percent	Mar. 1989 Net	Mar. 1989 Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	729.9	735.7	704.9	- 5.8	- 0.8	+ 25.0	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade	172.3	173.2	167.8	- 0.9	- 0.5	+ 4.5	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	101.8	102.3	100.1	- 0.5	- 0.5	+ 1.7	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	70.5	70.9	67.7	- 0.4	- 0.6	+ 2.8	+ 4.1
Retail Trade	557.6	562.5	537.1	- 4.9	- 0.9	+ 20.5	+ 3.8
General Merchandise Stores	83.0	83.2	75.9	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 7.1	+ 9.4
Food Stores	90.1	90.5	87.9	- 0.4	- 0.4	+ 2.2	+ 2.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	133.3	133.2	131.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.9	+ 1.4
Service & Miscellaneous[6]	581.3	580.1	551.5	+ 1.2	+ 0.2	+ 29.8	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	32.4	33.0	31.1	- 0.6	- 1.8	+ 1.3	+ 4.2
Personal Services	29.4	29.6	28.7	- 0.2	- 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.9	13.8	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Total Government	477.8	478.2	470.2	- 0.4	- 0.1	+ 7.6	+ 1.6
Federal	55.1	55.0	54.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
State	138.0	138.3	136.7	- 0.3	- 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 1.0
Education	70.9	71.3	71.7	- 0.4	- 0.6	- 0.8	- 1.1
Other	67.1	67.0	65.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	+ 3.2
Local	284.7	284.9	279.1	- 0.2	- 0.1	+ 5.6	+ 2.0
Education	146.8	147.0	146.4	- 0.2	- 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Other	137.9	137.9	132.7	0.0	0.0	+ 5.2	+ 3.9
All Other Nonag. Employment[7]	260.4	260.8	280.6	- 0.4	- 0.2	- 20.2	- 7.2
Agriculture	42.1	47.1	44.2	- 5.0	- 10.6	+ 2.1	+ 4.8

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Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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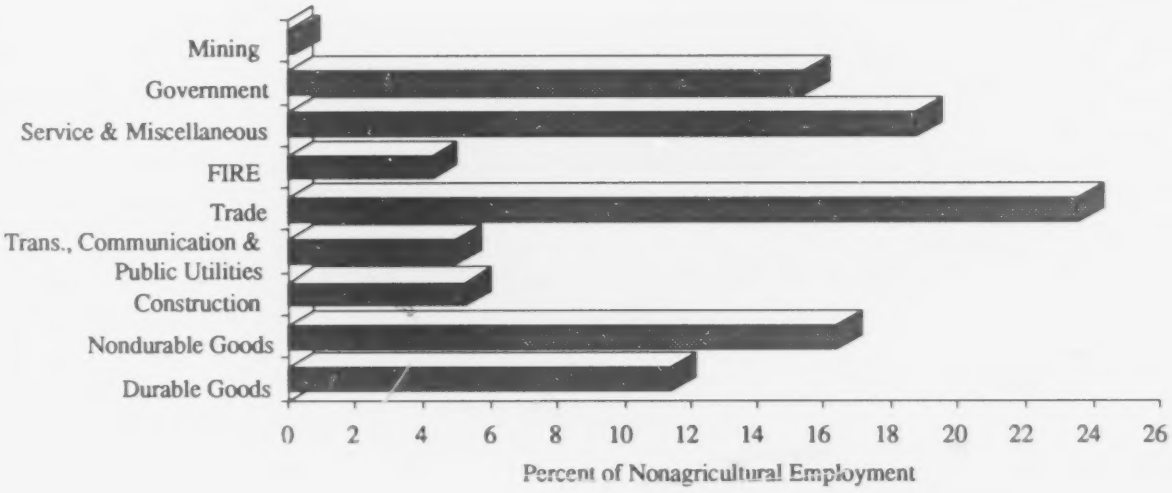

Figure 4

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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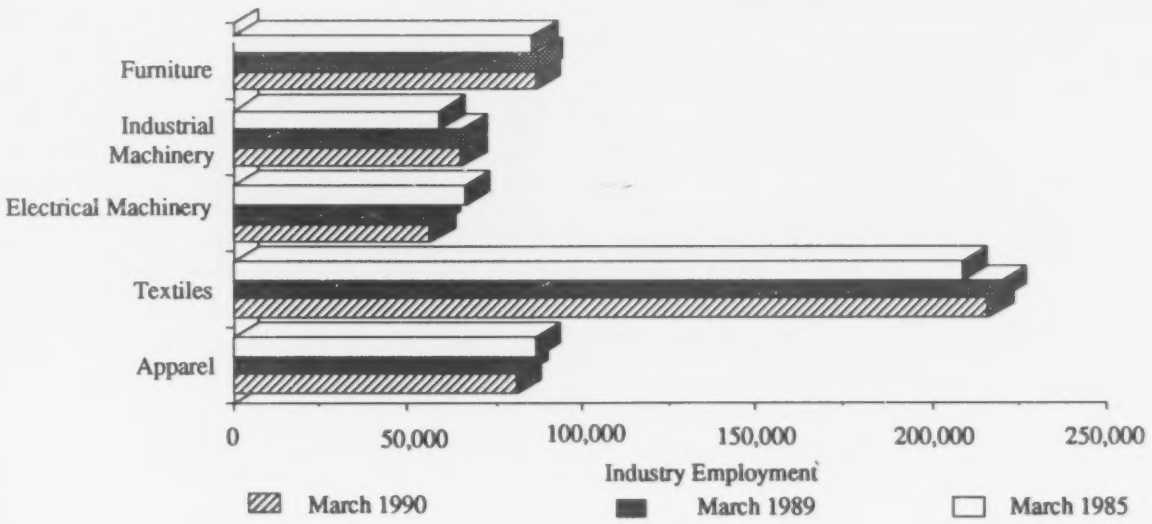

Table 4

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions March 1990[1]

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed[2]	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs[2, 3]	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	10,632	10,297	269	29	1,095
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	459	456	2	0	6
Clerical Occupations	1,617	1,599	4	0	20
Sales Occupations	526	515	0	0	6
Domestic Service Occupations	90	64	0	0	1
Other Service Occupations	1,880	1,773	10	0	19
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	423	289	202	0	17
Processing Occupations	956	952	2	0	0
Machine Trade Occupations	1,214	1,210	1	1	34
Benchwork Occupations	1,397	1,394	51	0	12
Structural Work Occupations	1,340	1,282	3	1	927
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	309	301	7	2	31
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	2,048	1,911	0	25	46
Miscellaneous Occupations	68	67	1	0	0

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions March 1990[1]

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,278	441	1,797	132	2,831	715	1,230
92	4	67	12	174	103	170
189	114	386	81	495	366	487
13	10	445	8	34	2	205
1	0	0	0	59	3	3
64	9	528	15	1,028	168	267
10	0	10	5	34	21	38
911	0	35	0	10	0	0
1,038	9	49	0	85	2	3
1,082	6	16	0	253	0	1
209	11	27	10	122	30	36
20	107	91	0	45	11	17
941	176	208	1	596	4	4
26	1	0	0	28	11	12

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Figure 5

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1989-March 1990

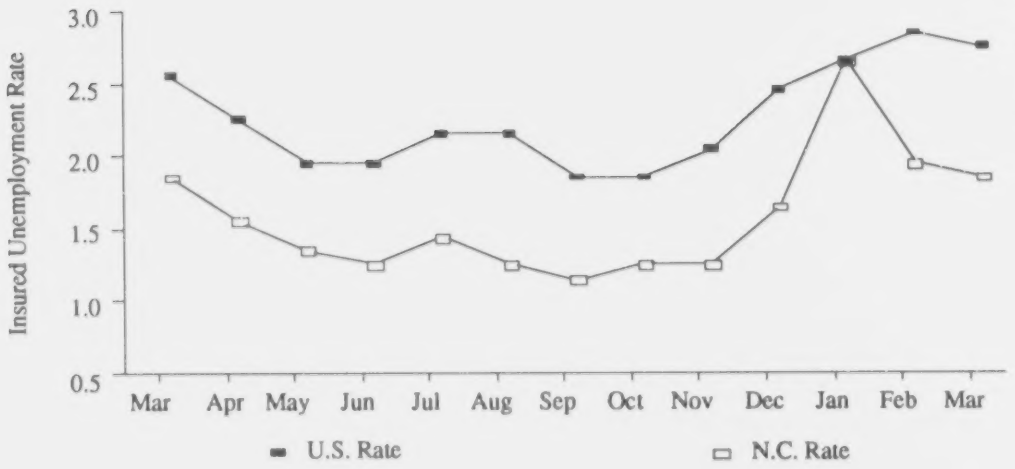

Figure 6

Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

March 1990

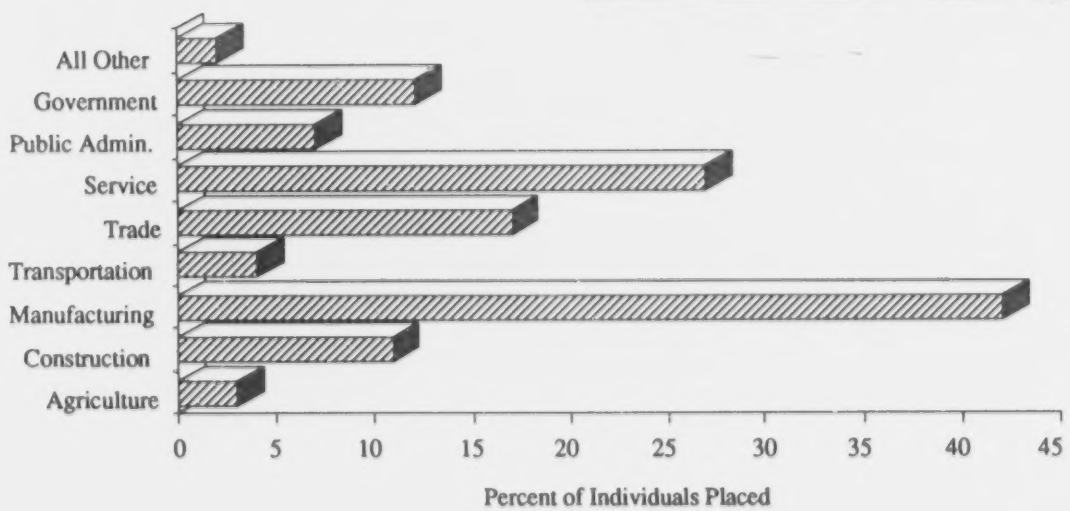

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Mar. 1990	Feb.[2] 1990	Mar. 1989	Percent Change From: Feb. 1990	Mar. 1989
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,094.6	3,087.0	3,034.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
Goods Producing	1,022.6	1,024.6	1,029.1	- 0.2	- 0.6
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.0
Construction	159.8	159.0	156.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	857.9	860.7	867.7	- 0.3	- 1.1
Durable Goods	354.6	355.0	357.5	- 0.1	- 0.8
Lumber & Wood Products	36.7	36.8	36.3	- 0.3	+ 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.9	12.9	12.8	0.0	+ 0.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.8	9.8	9.4	0.0	+ 4.3
Furniture & Fixtures	86.4	86.7	88.6	- 0.3	- 2.5
Household Furniture	76.6	76.9	78.9	- 0.4	- 2.9
Wood Household Furniture	37.3	37.6	38.6	- 0.8	- 3.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.2	32.2	33.5	0.0	- 3.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	20.8	20.8	21.2	0.0	- 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.5	2.7	0.0	- 7.4
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	5.9	5.8	6.0	+ 1.7	- 1.7
Primary Metal Industries	12.2	12.2	11.9	0.0	+ 2.5
Fabricated Metal Industries	30.5	30.6	30.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	8.9	9.0	9.0	- 1.1	- 1.1
Machinery, except Electrical	64.9	65.0	62.9	- 0.2	+ 3.2
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.7	7.9	0.0	- 2.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	55.5	55.4	57.4	+ 0.2	- 3.3
Household Appliances	5.0	4.6	5.1	+ 8.7	- 2.0
Transportation Equipment	26.9	26.9	27.8	0.0	- 3.2
Other Durable Goods[3]	20.7	20.6	21.0	+ 0.5	- 1.4
Nondurable Goods	503.3	505.7	510.2	- 0.5	- 1.4
Food & Kindred Products	50.1	50.3	49.2	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Meat Products	23.8	23.9	23.0	- 0.4	+ 3.5
Meat Packing Plants	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Dairy Products	2.6	2.5	2.7	+ 4.0	- 3.7
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.5	8.6	8.3	- 1.2	+ 2.4
Beverages	5.6	5.6	5.8	0.0	- 3.4

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[6]Less than .05 percent.
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Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Mar. 1990	Feb.[2] 1990	Mar. 1989	Percent Change From: Feb. 1990	Mar. 1989
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.4	20.7	21.7	- 6.3	- 10.6
Cigarettes	15.0	15.2	17.8	- 1.3	- 15.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	5.0	3.5	- 20.0	+ 14.3
Textile Mill Products	216.2	216.5	219.8	- 0.1	- 1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Manmade & Wool	51.4	51.0	52.6	+ 0.8	- 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.9	23.9	24.1	0.0	- 0.8
Weaving Mills, Manmade	25.5	25.0	26.4	+ 2.0	- 3.4
Knitting Mills	84.5	84.8	83.5	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	23.4	23.4	22.8	0.0	+ 2.6
Hosiery, NEC	23.9	24.0	23.8	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	16.7	16.7	16.5	0.0	+ 1.2
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.3	6.4	0.0	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, except Wool	16.6	16.7	17.0	- 0.6	- 2.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.3	48.7	51.6	- 0.8	- 6.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	80.8	81.6	83.1	- 1.0	- 2.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	28.1	28.4	28.5	- 1.1	- 1.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	32.1	32.3	34.2	- 0.6	- 6.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.7	22.7	23.0	0.0	- 1.3
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.6	9.6	9.9	0.0	- 3.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.9	9.0	9.0	- 1.1	- 1.1
Printing & Publishing	30.8	30.7	30.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Newspapers	10.8	10.8	10.6	0.0	+ 1.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	44.9	44.8	43.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	15.1	15.1	14.3	0.0	+ 5.6
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	34.1	34.1	35.2	0.0	- 3.1
Other Nondurable Goods[4]	4.3	4.3	4.5	0.0	- 4.4

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Table I
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Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Mar. 1990	Feb.[2] 1990	Mar. 1989	Percent Change From: Feb. 1990	Mar. 1989
Service Producing	2,072.0	2,062.4	2,005.1	+ 0.5	+ 3.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	153.8	152.9	150.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Communications & Utilities	56.5	56.3	56.9	+ 0.4	- 0.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	719.7	720.0	695.2	0.0	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade	170.5	170.4	166.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	101.3	101.4	99.7	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	69.2	69.0	66.4	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
Retail Trade	549.2	549.6	529.1	- 0.1	+ 3.8
General Merchandise Stores	80.7	81.1	73.8	- 0.5	+ 9.3
Food Stores	89.5	89.7	87.3	- 0.2	+ 2.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	132.1	131.5	130.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Service & Miscellaneous[5]	576.6	570.8	547.2	+ 1.0	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	30.1	29.4	28.9	+ 2.4	+ 4.2
Personal Services	30.3	30.5	29.5	- 0.7	+ 2.7
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.8	13.7	13.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Health Services	150.2	149.6	141.8	+ 0.4	+ 5.9
Hospitals	62.5	62.0	57.0	+ 0.8	+ 9.6
Legal Services	13.1	13.2	12.9	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Education Services	36.8	36.5	36.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
Total Government	489.8	487.2	482.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Federal	54.9	54.4	54.2	+ 0.9	+ 1.3
State	142.4	141.2	141.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Education	76.1	75.1	77.0	+ 1.3	- 1.2
Other	66.3	66.1	64.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.3
Local	292.5	291.6	287.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Education	156.1	155.5	155.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Other	136.4	136.1	131.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.9

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

March 1990[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar.[3] 1989	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar.[3] 1989	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar.[3] 1989
Mining	$455.53	$431.04	$439.82	46.2	44.3	46.2	$9.86	$9.73	$9.52
Manufacturing	343.33	341.35	335.24	39.6	39.6	40.1	8.67	8.62	8.36
Durable Goods	359.79	357.78	350.21	40.2	40.2	40.3	8.95	8.90	8.69
Lumber & Wood Products	321.12	315.87	301.55	40.7	40.6	40.1	7.89	7.78	7.52
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	319.20	312.82	292.74	39.8	39.9	39.4	8.02	7.84	7.43
Furniture & Fixtures	302.48	299.79	295.29	38.0	37.9	38.2	7.96	7.91	7.73
Household Furniture	300.93	296.70	295.29	37.9	37.7	38.3	7.94	7.87	7.71
Wood Household Furniture	299.89	298.69	287.75	40.2	40.2	39.8	7.46	7.43	7.23
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	396.06	385.67	373.98	41.0	40.3	40.3	9.66	9.57	9.28
Structural Clay Products	313.12	308.45	321.59	38.0	37.8	40.3	8.24	8.16	7.98
Primary Metal Industries	449.62	436.16	417.64	43.4	42.1	43.1	10.36	10.36	9.69
Fabricated Metal Industries	403.24	397.72	372.30	41.7	41.3	40.6	9.67	9.63	9.17
Industrial Machinery	394.79	397.85	403.09	40.7	41.1	42.7	9.70	9.68	9.44
Special Industry Machinery	391.15	397.42	383.39	42.7	42.1	41.9	9.38	9.44	9.15
Electrical Machinery	375.25	379.86	386.22	40.7	41.2	41.0	9.22	9.22	9.42
Household Appliances	283.77	276.69	260.19	39.8	40.1	37.6	7.13	6.90	6.92
Transportation Equipment	424.27	420.00	405.34	41.8	42.0	42.4	10.15	10.00	9.56
Nondurable Goods	332.42	330.46	326.00	39.2	39.2	40.0	8.48	8.43	8.15
Food & Kindred Products	303.42	298.36	284.93	39.1	38.3	38.4	7.76	7.79	7.42
Meat Products	251.52	242.35	238.18	38.4	37.0	37.1	6.55	6.55	6.42
Meat Packing Products	366.30	363.49	360.79	44.4	43.4	42.9	8.25	8.38	8.41

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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

March 1990[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar.[3] 1989	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar[3] 1989	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar.[3] 1989
Dairy Products	336.05	330.48	319.88	43.7	43.2	42.2	7.69	7.65	7.58
Grain Mill Products	374.33	366.74	349.24	45.1	44.4	43.6	8.30	8.26	8.01
Bakery Products	349.76	343.44	327.18	41.1	40.5	41.0	8.51	8.48	7.98
Beverages	546.72	559.71	522.45	40.2	40.5	38.5	13.60	13.82	13.57
Tobacco Manufacturers	624.21	572.24	553.47	37.9	36.8	34.7	16.47	15.55	15.95
Cigarettes	740.24	716.86	630.85	38.0	36.8	34.7	19.48	19.48	18.18
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	224.75	206.64	212.04	37.9	36.9	34.2	5.93	5.60	6.20
Textile Mill Products	301.43	302.18	303.73	39.3	39.5	41.1	7.67	7.65	7.39
Broadwoven Mills, Cotton, Manmade & Wool	335.86	338.92	340.27	39.7	40.3	41.7	8.46	8.41	8.16
Broadwoven Mills, Cotton	320.45	332.99	336.13	37.7	39.5	41.6	8.50	8.43	8.08
Broadwoven Mills, Manmade	353.20	347.73	346.08	41.7	41.2	42.0	8.47	8.44	8.24
Knitting Mills	274.94	270.56	272.55	38.4	38.0	39.5	7.16	7.12	6.90
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	249.74	248.57	244.10	38.6	38.3	38.2	6.47	6.49	6.39
Hosiery, NEC	258.40	264.70	262.19	36.6	37.6	38.9	7.06	7.04	6.74
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	316.01	299.06	312.57	39.8	38.0	41.4	7.94	7.87	7.55
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric	318.57	315.12	331.10	41.0	40.4	43.0	7.77	7.80	7.70
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	334.05	328.80	328.42	42.5	42.1	43.1	7.86	7.81	7.62
Yarn & Thread Mills	291.80	300.17	302.94	38.7	39.6	41.9	7.54	7.58	7.23
Apparel & Other Textile Products	219.47	218.59	212.58	36.7	36.8	37.1	5.98	5.94	5.73
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	221.79	221.92	207.72	36.3	36.5	36.0	6.11	6.08	5.77
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	203.24	204.79	203.13	36.1	36.7	37.0	5.63	5.58	5.49

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March 1990[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar.[3] 1989	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar.[3] 1989	Mar. 1990	Feb.[3] 1990	Mar.[3] 1989
Paper & Allied Products	504.22	507.08	498.31	42.3	42.9	42.7	11.92	11.82	11.67
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	679.07	662.12	678.72	44.5	44.2	44.8	15.26	14.98	15.15
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	392.50	409.78	385.63	40.8	41.9	41.2	9.62	9.78	9.36
Printing & Publishing	389.07	382.78	371.06	39.3	38.9	39.1	9.90	9.84	9.49
Newspapers	304.33	298.60	295.16	31.9	31.3	32.4	9.54	9.54	9.11
Chemicals & Allied Products	466.49	468.86	465.98	41.8	41.9	42.4	11.16	11.19	10.99
Plastics & Synthetics	505.53	505.12	513.75	41.1	41.1	43.1	12.30	12.29	11.92
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	446.19	440.26	419.20	41.7	41.3	41.3	10.70	10.66	10.15
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	551.23	560.27	531.19	42.5	42.9	42.7	12.97	13.06	12.44
Wholesale & Retail Trade	222.39	219.73	212.16	31.5	31.3	31.2	7.06	7.02	6.80
Wholesale Trade	361.42	358.55	341.54	39.2	39.1	38.9	9.22	9.17	8.78
Retail Trade	181.92	180.13	174.58	29.2	29.1	29.0	6.23	6.19	6.02
General Merchandise Stores	176.89	170.27	160.11	27.9	27.2	27.7	6.34	6.26	5.78
Food Stores	186.18	185.63	184.73	29.6	29.7	29.7	6.29	6.25	6.22
Services, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	154.28	151.12	138.00	29.0	28.3	27.6	5.32	5.34	5.00
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	219.02	222.66	207.69	33.8	34.9	34.5	6.48	6.38	6.02

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Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

March 1990

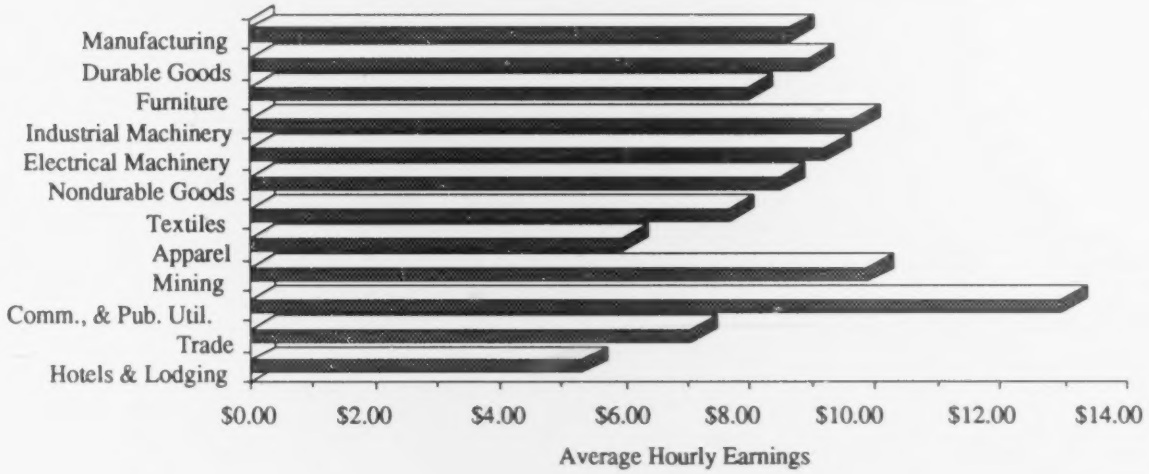

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

March 1990

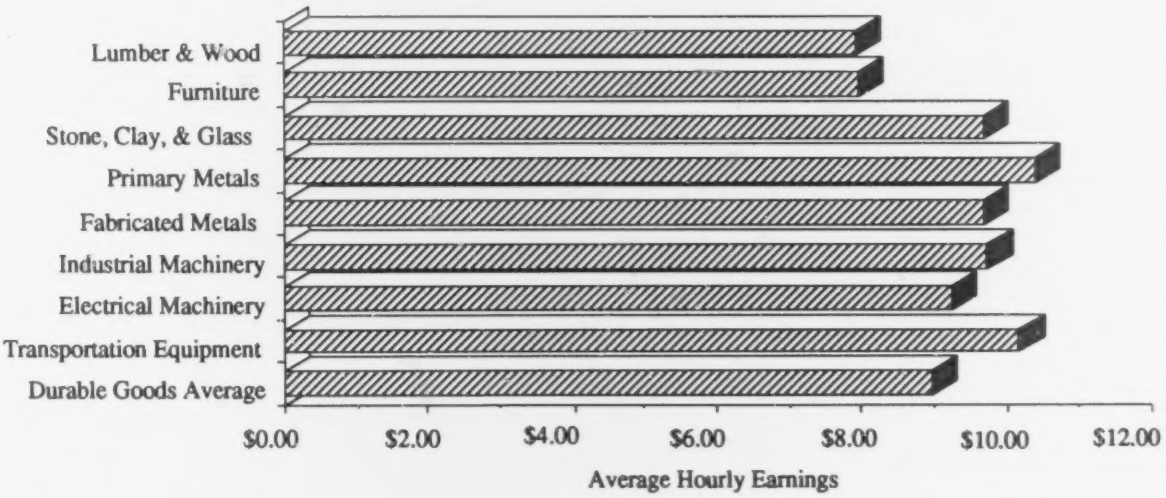

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

March 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1990	Feb.[2] 1990	Mar. 1989	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1989
Manufacturing	665.1	668.6	676.8	- 0.5	- 1.7
Durable Goods	259.4	259.8	263.9	- 0.2	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	31.1	31.1	30.7	0.0	+ 1.3
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	8.1	8.1	7.9	0.0	+ 2.5
Furniture & Fixtures	75.1	75.5	76.6	- 0.5	- 2.0
Household Furniture	67.1	67.4	68.6	- 0.4	- 2.2
Wood Household Furniture	33.3	33.6	34.8	- 0.9	- 4.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.5	16.5	17.0	0.0	- 2.9
Structural Clay Products	1.9	1.8	2.1	+ 5.6	- 9.5
Primary Metal Industries	9.2	9.2	9.1	0.0	+ 1.1
Fabricated Metal Industries	21.9	22.0	22.2	- 0.5	- 1.4
Industrial Machinery	32.7	32.8	31.9	- 0.3	+ 2.5
Special Industry Machinery	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	- 1.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	36.6	36.4	38.8	+ 0.5	- 5.7
Household Appliances	4.4	4.0	4.5	+10.0	- 2.2
Transportation Equipment	21.7	21.8	22.8	- 0.5	- 4.8
Other Durable Goods[3]	14.6	14.5	14.8	+ 0.7	- 1.4
Nondurable Goods	405.7	408.8	412.9	- 0.8	- 1.7
Food & Kindred Products	35.8	35.9	34.5	- 0.3	+ 3.8
Meat Products	20.3	20.4	19.6	- 0.5	+ 3.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.1	2.0	1.8	+ 5.0	+ 10.5
Dairy Products	1.4	1.3	1.5	+ 7.7	- 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.9	5.0	5.0	- 2.0	- 2.0

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Table III

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Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

March 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1990	Feb.[2] 1990	Mar. 1989	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1989
Beverages	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	14.1	15.4	15.6	- 8.4	- 9.6
Cigarettes	10.9	10.9	12.6	0.0	- 13.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.9	4.1	2.6	-29.3	+ 11.5
Textile Mill Products	189.5	190.2	193.7	- 0.4	- 2.2
Broadwoven Fabrics-Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	45.6	45.2	47.0	+ 0.9	- 3.0
Broadwoven Fabrics Mills-Cotton	21.1	21.1	21.4	0.0	- 1.4
Broadwoven Fabrics Mills-Manmade	22.6	22.2	23.8	+ 1.8	- 5.0
Knitting Mills	74.3	74.7	73.8	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	20.7	20.6	20.4	- 1.0	+ 1.5
Hosiery, NEC	21.5	21.8	21.6	- 1.4	- 0.5
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.6	14.4	0.0	+ 1.4
Lace and Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.1	5.2	5.2	- 1.9	- 1.9
Textile Finishing, except Wool	13.9	13.9	14.4	0.0	- 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	43.2	43.9	46.2	- 1.6	- 6.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	70.0	70.9	72.0	- 1.3	- 2.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	24.7	25.0	24.8	- 1.2	- 0.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	27.5	27.8	29.5	- 1.1	- 6.8
Paper & Allied Products	17.6	17.7	17.9	- 0.6	- 1.7
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.3	7.3	7.5	0.0	- 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	19.2	19.2	18.4	0.0	+ 4.3
Newspapers	4.3	4.2	4.0	+ 2.4	+ 7.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.3	28.3	28.2	0.0	+ 0.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	10.9	10.9	10.6	0.0	+ 2.8
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.5	27.5	28.7	0.0	- 4.2
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	- 5.1

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

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